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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTREAL 0794

FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO

SUBJ: ICAO - CYPRUS

REF: MONTREAL 0246

1. BINAGHI REPORTED TO USREP THAT HE FOUND TURKEY/GREECE/
CYPRUS SITUATION VERY BAD BUT REPORTED THAT TO HIM THE SERIOUSNESS
OF IT IS BETWEEN THE TWO PRINCIPLES WHO SEEM TO BE MOMENTARILY
EXPECTING INVASION EACH BY THE OTHER. HE MADE EFFORT TO IMPROVE
CIVIL AVIATION SITUATION AT LEAST BETWEEN GREECE/TURKEY. TURKEY
ADAMANTLY REFUSED TO DO AWAY WITH AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION
OBLIGATION (THE ADIZ). HOWEVER, HE WAS ABLE TO GET BOTH PARTIES
TO AGREE TO REESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFTN AND RESUMPTION OF
VOICE COMMUNICATIONS ATHENS/ISTANBUL AND ATHENS/IZMIR, "SO
AT LEAST THEY'RE TALKING WITH ONE ANOTHER".

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2. REGARDING THE "ICAO AGREEMENT" (THE PACKAGE FOR ICAO ASSIS-

TANCE REGARDING CIVIL AVIATION/CYPRUS), GREECE WILL AGREE IF BOTH OTHER PARTIES AGREE. TURKEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT BECAUSE CONSIDERS AGREEMENT FAVORABLE TO GREECE.

3. A PROPOSAL FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN COMMITTEE OF CEAC/NATO TO CONSIDER PROBLEM WAS WELCOMED BY GREECE BUT ADAMANTLY OPPOSED BY TURKEY.

4. BINAGHI FOUND THAT TOP-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN BOTH COUNTRIES WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED AND WELL BRIEFED ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE AVIATION PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD FOUND AN UNDERLYING ECONOMIC PROBLEM SERIOUSLY EFFECTING THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP: OIL UNDER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.

5. BINAGHI WILL CIRCULATE REPORT TO COUNCIL MEMBERS SOON REGARDING THIS TRIP BUT IN LESS DETAIL THAN WAS GIVEN TO USREP. HARPER UNQTE KISSINGER

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